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## PANAMA.

*Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports:

Week ended September 1. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Present officially estimated population, 4,954.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Aug. 27	Fort Morgan .....	Mobile .....	24	0	0	0
28	José .....	New York via Santa Marta.	28	9	0	0
28	Greenbrier .....	New Orleans .....	46	0	0	0
29	Karen .....	Mobile .....	24	1	0	0

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Reports from Manila—Cholera and smallpox—Cholera in Manila and in the provinces—Inspection of vessels.*

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, July 27 and August 3:

Week ended July 25. Two cases of cholera, with 1 death, and 7 cases of smallpox, with 5 deaths, were reported for the city of Manila.

The conditions with regard to cholera in the provinces remain about the same as for the previous week. The number of cases for the week under report was as follows.

Provinces.	Cases.	Deaths.
Benguet .....	2	1
Bulacan .....	8	4
Capiz .....	50	26
Ilocos Sur .....	169	127
Iloilo .....	6	4
Misamis .....	169	62
Nueva Ecija .....	74	59
Pampanga .....	24	17
Pangasinan .....	498	299
Tarlac .....	24	19
Union .....	24	19
Total .....	1, 048	637

In the city of Manila there were 2 cases during the week, both of which were confirmed by cultures. In neither one of these cases could the source of the infection be traced to outside sources. A house-to-house inspection has been made of the block in which the cases occurred, but more than 5 days have now elapsed and no further cases have appeared. With a view of ascertaining whether there were any "cholera carriers," stool examinations were made of the persons who lived in the block in which the above cases occurred, which all proved negative with the exception of one case in which a vibrio has been detected, but which will require considerable additional study before

a definite decision can be reached as to the identity of the organism. The person from whom the specimen was taken is still in good health.

During the week consular bills of health were issued at the port of Manila as follows:

July 25, the British steamship *Suveric*, with 49 in the crew and with 1 passenger, was granted a bill of health for Tacoma, after the usual inspection of personnel and cargo.

July 25, the British steamship *Suruga*, with 50 in the crew, en route from Yokohama to Boston and New York via Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health. The cargo and personnel were inspected and certified.

Week ended August 1. Fourteen cases of cholera with 11 deaths and 2 cases of smallpox with 1 death were reported for the city of Manila.

There is a considerable increase in the number of cholera cases reported for the week. Two new centers of infection have appeared in the city, one of them in the district of Tondo, subdistrict of Bancusay, which is on a small island bounded on the one side by the Bay of Manila and on the other by a canal into which a large portion of the city sewage finds its way; the other center is located on the island of Palomar, very near the center of the city, and bounded by a number of canals, the sanitary condition of which leaves much to be desired. This section, however, is occupied by stables and tanneries only, the occupants of which are mostly persons who work in these places, and is a location in which cholera has nearly always made its appearance in previous years. So far it has not been possible to trace this infection to any outside source, most of the cases not having been found until after death, and the most strenuous efforts to obtain information from the persons on the premises failed to throw any light on the situation. A most careful house-to-house inspection has been made in these two infected districts, with the result that several other cases were found. Several cases also occurred in the district of Sampoloc and 1 case in Singalon, both of which are miles away from the known infected centers. No connection could be traced to outside sources.

The "cholera carrier," of whom mention was made in last week's report, was placed under observation at the San Lazaro Hospital and is still apparently in excellent health, but examinations of his stools, made at frequent intervals, show that cholera vibrios are undoubtedly present.

Cholera in the Province of Iloilo, though not confirmed by laboratory diagnosis, presents such features as to leave small room for doubt that the disease is actually cholera. Cases and deaths have occurred in Santa Barbara, Jaro, port of Iloilo, Ascarraga, Barotac, and Dumangas.

The total number of cases in the provinces has remained about the same, the disease clearing up rapidly in those provinces which were first affected, the cases in the provinces affected later remaining about stationary.

A most noteworthy occurrence is the fact that, with practically no exceptions, the cholera is entirely confined to those persons who are insufficiently nourished and who are, generally, in poor circumstances.

The following list of the cases and deaths occurring in the provinces is believed to be approximately correct:

Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Benguet .....	3	2
Bulacan .....	21	13
Ilocos Sur .....	259	210
Misamis .....	138	52
Nueva Ecija .....	101	82
Pampanga .....	11	13
Pangasinan .....	293	189
Tarlac .....	64	50
Union .....	59	44
Iloilo:		
Jaro .....	17	10
Iloilo .....	3	1
Santa Barbara .....	15	9
Ascarraga .....	20	20
Total .....	1,004	695

During the week consular bills of health were issued at the Port of Manila as follows:

July 27, 1908, the British steamship *Bellerophon*, with 86 in the crew, en route from Liverpool to Seattle and Tacoma, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual inspection of cargo and personnel.

#### RUSSIA.

##### *Report from St. Petersburg—Cholera situation in Russia.*

The following was received from the Consul-General at St. Petersburg, through the Department of State, under date of August 22:

A notice from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs states that there have been 538 cases of cholera reported during the week from August 7 to August 14, distributed as follows:

Governments, etc.	Cases.	Deaths.
Astrakhan .....	230	114
Saratov .....	110	103
Samara .....	12	.....
Simbirsk .....	1	.....
Tula .....	2	1
Oufa .....	1	1
Kouban Terr .....	2	2
Don Terr .....	24	5
Nijni Novgorod, city .....	3	3
Kazna, city .....	.....	1
Rostov-on-Don, city .....	82	32
Kharkov, city .....	1	.....
Baku, city .....	3	2
Nakhichevan, city .....	19	6

The prefecture of Rostov-on-Don and the city of Nijni Novgorod are declared infected, and the governments of Stavropol and of the Black Sea, the territory of the Kouban, the districts of Vassilsoursk; Makariev, Demenov, Balakhna, Gorbatov, and Nijni Novgorod, in the government of Nijni Novgorod, the districts of Cheboksary and of Kosmodémiansk, in the government of Kazan, the district of Novo Ouzensk, in the government of Samara, and the river Volga between the cities of Nijni Novgorod and Rybinsk, are declared to be threatened with the disease.